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22 December 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

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FROM : [REDACTED] Room 1 D 1617,
[REDACTED] 5941SUBJECT : Report of Completion of Vietnam
Orientation 5-68 (#22)
December 11-15, 1967

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1. Basic Data

[REDACTED], including 5 females, completed the 22nd running of the Vietnam Orientation. Incidentally, this was the last running of the Orientation in its present form; the new Vietnam Station Orientation, which will be run for the first time in January 1968, will run for three days as a companion to the new Vietnam Area Course which henceforward will precede it.

2. Changes in Schedule

Fortunately only three changes took place in the schedule, and only one of these represented a loss.

That was the cancellation of the visit to [REDACTED] the 25X1A8a
[REDACTED] it
was cancelled because of some urgent Staff meeting. The 25X1A9a
other two changes saw [REDACTED] replace [REDACTED] 1A9a
on Monday and [REDACTED] substituting for [REDACTED] 25X1A9a
on Friday; both gentlemen did very well.

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3. Items of Interest

A. The class was held for the whole week in room G A 13. I mention this simple fact because it was so pleasant, especially in contrast to the nomadic existence lead by last month's class, to have one and the same room-- and a classroom at that--in which to meet everyday.

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B. Every meeting of the Orientation has as speakers at least one or two new persons returned from Saigon. This month we were fortunate to have two especially experienced persons:

new DDP/TRO, and [REDACTED] the former the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was the former Regional Officer in Charge ("ROIC") in [REDACTED]. Both presentations had the ring of authority that our audiences appreciate. Another new speaker was Stewart [REDACTED], formerly of OTR and now with FE; [REDACTED] on the basis of considerable research, gave a very informative breakdown of the VC intelligence and security services.

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C. This was one of the smallest classes in recent months, but it was also one of the best. With one or two exceptions, there was practically no absenteeism attributable to processing, and in fact attendance was more complete than in almost any other running of the Orientation. Also several of the persons, especially [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] consistently asked stimulating questions of the speakers.

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4. Critiques

The critiques were uniformly favorable. Some of the suggestions are similar to those made in earlier critiques, and, where possible, steps will be taken to make improvement. As remarked on other occasions, however, there is a limit, for instance, on how much more specific information can be given on assignments; also there is a limit, simply because of time, on how much can be presented on operations.

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